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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

FROM: John F. Blake
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SUBJECT: Declassification of "Fact Of"

1. In keeping with the Presidential decision to de-classify the "fact of" a U.S. photographic satellite recon-naissance capability, the following implementation steps are in progress:

  a. A basic message outlining the Presidential decision and security concerns to be addressed in briefing all cleared personnel of the Community has been prepared and coordinated, and is being forwarded to the DCI for release.

  b. Upon release of this message, the NRO will notify all of its contractors through its various Program Offices.

  c. Coordination Staff, NPAC will advise the [ ] of the impending develop-ment and its limits.

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  d. SSC/CIA will ensure briefing of CIA personnel, members of non-NFIB Agencies and cleared parties of the Legislative Branch.

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2. ACDA has submitted a list of Questions and Answers which may be publicly addressed as a result of the public announcement of "fact of." Members of SECOM and COMIREX will review these questions and provide comments back to ACDA as soon as practicable. It is understood that their suggested Questions and Answers must be submitted to the Space Policy Review Council for final approval.

3. We are continuing to work against a very short deadline to alert all cleared personnel prior to any public announcement. We are hopeful that this can be fully accomplished despite very short lead time.

7s/ Michael J. Malanick

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